Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
FY 2008 Exchange Network Solicitation Notice

If our Indirect Cost Rate Agreement is not current can we still ask for money under this category?

No. You are not allowed to incur a cost under this category until your Indirect Cost Rate is current. You cannot include this line item in your budget until your rate is current. You should apply for a current Indirect Cost Rate Agreement with you federal cognizant agency as soon as possible.

If we are not partnering with anyone, but our expenses are over the maximum amount for an individual applicant, can we apply for more funds?

No. You can only apply for the maximum amount in each category.
The maximum you can apply for as an individual grantee is $300,000 and $500,000 for a collaborative grant

Why can't we call and ask if our proposed project will be funded? Why can't we call EPA Program Offices and ask them for help?

EPA policy requires that all applicants are receiving the same information so no one has an unfair advantage. If some information was omitted or unclear in the Solicitation Notice, an amendment will be issued to clarify any omission. EPA Program Offices are not allowed to have any input into the development of grant application. All questions should be referred to the EPA Headquarters Grant Manager, Edward Mixon.

Can we apply for more than one grant using different assistance activities?

Yes; however, consolidate as many of the assistance activities as you can into one grant. Please remember that your agency must have the ability to manage effectively these grants at the same time.

Can we use matching funds with the Exchange Network (EN) grant?

Yes; however, do not include the funds in your budget. Any work that will be accomplished with matching funds should not be listed in the work plan.

Can we apply for an EN Grant and include other countries as a partner?

No. Only states, tribes and territories are allowed to apply. Foreign countries are not allowed to receive State and Tribal Assistance Grant funds in this program.